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Docket No.: 12477/10

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Masahiro YAMASHITA, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/566,218  
Confirmation No. : 3497  
Filed : January 27, 2006  
For : ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE  
ASSEMBLY, FUEL CELL USING THE SAME, AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING ELECTROLYTE  
MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY  
Group Art Unit : 1795  
Examiner : YANCHUK, Stephen J

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2010, the due date for which is extended three months, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), applicants request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the remarks below.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.